lakhs to North and South Campuses of Delhi University for purchase of books and journals.

(c) The University Grants Commission has allocated Rs. 870 lakhs to the Central Universities for purchase of books and journals during the 8th Plan period.

UGC has also formulated a proposal for setting up an Inter-University Centre for Information and Library Network to inter-link the various libraries and information centres through a computer network. This will improve accessibility of information from one library to another across the country.

Publications by National Archives of India

2119. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of regular publications brought out annually by the National Archives of India in Hindi and other regional languages to carry the knowledge of our archival National heritage to common people ; and

(b) what was the total budget for publication during the last three years and how much of it was spent on these publications ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) The National Archives of India brings out only one annual publication in Hindi "Varshik Prativedan", which gives details of major activities of the National Archives of India. No regular publication is brought out by them in any regional language.

(b) Out of the total budget for printing and publication of Rs. 10.23 lakhs for the last three years, a total amount of Rs. 64,259|- was spent on the "Varshik Prativedan".

Knowledge of Geological Survey of India

2120. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has advanced technological knowhow and the equipment ;

(b) if not, what is being done to procure such knowhow and equipment ; and

(c) whether in view of the major part of the survey being completed the Geological Survey of India would be reduced in size, and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has some of the advanced technological knowhow and equipment in the field of earth sciences. It constantly upgrades its scientific and technical skills and equipments as per its needs and availability of resources.

(c) No, Sir.

आरक्षित वन क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य पर निक्षेप

2121. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आरक्षित वन क्षेत्र के बाहर चार किलोमीटर की परिधि के अन्दर बिना पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की अनुमति से खनन कार्य पर रोक लगा दी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस नियम के लागू होने से लगभग सम्पूर्ण खनिज क्षेत्र इससे प्रभावित होगा; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि वन क्षेत्रों में खनन संबंधी अधिकांश ठेके अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों और पिछड़े वर्गों से संबंधित व्यक्तियों को प्रदान किए गए है?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) और (ख) पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में इस संबंध में एक अधिसूचना का प्रारूप जारी किया है, जिसमें प्रतिबंधित क्षेत्र में खनन कार्य करने में रुचि रखने वाले किसी भी व्यक्ति से इस संबंध में आपत्तियां मांगी गई हैं, ताकि इस बारे में अंतिम निर्णय लेने से पहले वह मंत्रालय उन पर विचार कर सके।

(ग) खनन पट्टे/ठेके संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा दिए जाते हैं। भारत सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में जानकारी नहीं रखी जा रही है।

Functioning of Indian Bureau of Mines

2122. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Bureau of Mines has embarked on a programme to give consultancy on Commercial basis to private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IBM done any internal study on its own functioning;

(d) if so, the details on the assessment of the functioning;

(e) whether corruption has permeated all aspects of IBM functioning; and

(f) what steps did the consultancy division of IBM suggest to eliminate delays and corruption in IBM with regard to grant of mining licences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has a Technical Consultancy Cell, which provides Technical Consultancy Services on suitable terms both to Private as well as Public Sector units in the fields of Geology, Mining, Ore Dressing, Market Survey, Financial Analysis etc. The Consultancy is provided on payment of prescribed charges at different rates for small and large mines as approved by the Government.

(c) and (d) : The performance of IBM is reviewed internally on a regular basis. The performance of the Bureau is also reviewed by the IBM Advisory Board constituted by the Government.

(e) Some complaints have been received in the past, many of them anonymous/pseudonymous mostly relating to approval of mining plans, inspection of mines etc. All the complaints received were enquired into and they were found to be either of a general nature or lacking in material information or proof necessary for establishing the allegations.

(f) As IBM does not issue mining leases or licences, the question does not arise.

हीरों का उत्पादन

2123 **श्री अजीत जोगी : श्री छोटूभाई पटेल** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश में हीरों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं; और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इनके उत्पादन के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकारी क्षेत्र उपक्रम, राष्ट्रीय खनिज विकास निगम (एनएमडीसी) ने,